

January 3, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Hooper

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick,

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I received from your Utah researcher and it was a little surprising to me that he is not familiar with all of the listings of the past, not even the Wismer list. I am beginning to sympathize with you more and more with respect to this project.

You sent me two Bank of America notes from Rhode Island and I am wondering if you happen to have the whole sheet available as that would be more of interest to me in view of the fact that these you sent are cut from such a sheet.

I was a little disappointed that you were not able to dispose of the balance of the account in 1967 and hope that you will do so promptly. I assume you have your reasons, but I don't think the money should be payable only out of the sales proceeds of the group. Although it may be irrelevant, my wife and I are paying interest on money borrowed and therefore would like to pay back principal whenever we can.

I believe you forgot to give me your thoughts as to buying the four Florida Territorial notes. I believe the group is not worth more than \$400 and wonder if that is all right with you.

I have had so much business work to keep going that my writing has almost come to a halt and that is not a happy circumstance for me and I must find some way to get back to writing again.

For Christmas we gave our daughter and her husband a cider press which we found in rural Missouri and had it shipped to their home in Connecticut. Not only can they make good cider but they probably can run a bootlegging establishment besides. The fact that the neighbors will all come over to make cider ought to make things pretty lively there.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/tb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

January twenty fourth

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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I too am terribly sorry I haven't been able to clean up my indebtedness to you before this. No, I wasn't trying to pay it off from the proceeds of the notes in your collection. Mail business in general has slowed down somewhat, but I've advertised when possible in an effort to move things quicker, but it takes time. I'm certainly agreeable to \$400.00 for the Florida notes- I mistakenly failed to mention in my previous letter. Also, under separate cover I'm sending you the Bank of America sheet of 1-1-1-2, priced at \$35.00, if you want it. It's the first I have seen of it, except for the few single notes I got.

I wrote to Blaine Simons regarding the Utah listing, telling him to check Wismer's list also, but haven't as yet had a reply. I did receive a letter from our Alabama researcher, stating that within two weeks he hopes to be able to send me his finished manuscript, which is encouraging. I've also received a rough draft for the Kansas list, which I will forward to you. Lindsay refuses to let us photograph any of his notes, so we are stuck in that area, unless you, or some other collector, can furnish a nice photo of each issue, endeavoring also to use illustrations not used by Criswell, which is what we are trying to do wherever possible for wider interest and coverage. I'm hoping too that this year we will have at least two of the shorter lists published in the magazine. Texas and Ind. ms are finished, along with photos, and Mrs. Osmon is still checking out my Penna. list, which she's had for a long time.

I noticed in Charles Hamilton's coming auction the listing of a 5sh. and 10sh. note of the 1709 N.Y. issue, with estimates of \$350.00 each. I hazard a guess they will

bring somewhat more than that, although + may well be mistaken.

I also got a sheet of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x, 25 x 25, -50 x -50., of scrip of Danville, Penna., 1837, and if interested in a sheet at \$30.00, I'll send it on to you. It is very nicely engraved. I haven't acquired anything nice in the colonial series lately, but I did get the two vignettes as used on the \$2.00 note of the bank of Mo., with cows and the watch dog, both by American Bank Note Co. I think I have a researcher for the California listing too, which fills another vacancy. I have some data, etc., for him to use, so I believe that by the end of the year this too will be finished.

Do you plan to attend the ANA Convention in San Diego? I'm not certain how to go, but if time permits I would like to drive out, as we've never been west of Kansas, and I would like to see some of the natural wonders of America and the west coast by car.

Also, in the tube containing the sheet you will find an uncut pair of notes, printed by Francis Bailey, of Penna. Loan, dated 1786, which might be of interest to you. I've not seen this before either, which isn't saying very much I know! Price \$40.⁰⁰

We have been away several week-ends over the holidays, and have had guests for two week-ends, and I'm really trying to catch up now with my correspondence. Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

P.S. I've been asked to assist in setting up displays and exhibits in the Independence Hall area, in restored houses and buildings, under the National Park Services supervision, and about the first of February, will be making some trips down to the city for this purpose, and dig around to locate suitable and fitting material. It should prove to be a lot of fun, as well as very instructive.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 21, 1968

Mr. Richard Hooper
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Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

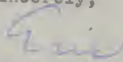
The review of Indiana bank note list was delayed due to other work, but it was an amazing list to work over. This collection must be gorgeous and I presume it belonged to Dr. Skeen previously. I only have a few notes which are unlisted and a description is enclosed.

A tremendous amount of work has been done on this manuscript by Mr. Schramm and it will be appreciated. For completeness, I wonder if the Western Reserve Historical Society collection has been checked as that collection is much bigger than my personal collection in Indiana pieces.

I made some suggestions in red on the ms. but did not go over the text in full or the descriptions. There is a need for careful proofreading of the text as there are many typos. When a new page is started the bank name is repeated and this should be stricken. The history in the beginning might use some refinement and clarification. The counterfeit descriptions should be included in the appendix. The bank note engravers should be alphabetized. I think that each branch bank issue should have a reference to the main bank description and to note if they are both the same. I believe the listing of denominations at the top of the description of each bank is superfluous as they are listed immediately underneath. I would like to see the full date added where known even if not engraved, such as 1856 which will distinguish which are engraved numbers and which are written, but will date a given piece instead of leaving it blank.

If you find my comments worthwhile, or if you reject any or all of them, I will fully understand. I hope I have been of service.

Sincerely,


ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

E:W
atb

April 23, 1968

Mr. Richard Hooper
P. O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Pa. 18445

Dear Dick:

I am returning the two single Bank of America notes which you forwarded to me some time ago and also the uncut pair of Pennsylvania ~~notes~~^{cheques} bearing obligation forms. I am retaining the ~~one~~^{cheque} of Bank of America items and will offset its value against what is due to me.

Would it be possible for you to finish up on the payments due on the Marckoff paper money account?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:mb
enc.

May 22, 1968

Mr. Richard Hooper

Dear Dick:

Have you forgotten about
me?

Best regards.

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From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

June fourteenth
1 9 6 8

Dear Eric



Work on the project is moving forward nicely, despite many obstacles and handicaps. You just cannot imagine the petty aspects which have arisen in some quarters! I've done all I can to placate and appease, urge cooperation everywhere, believing strongly in the future and importance of the work all of us are doing, and have tried to give some latitude to the researchers, but insisting that in general the originally accepted format,

binding color, photos, etc., are pretty well standardized. One chap even wrote we should change the cover color of the cloth from what we used for the Florida list! Also, he wanted us to use differently colored paper from what was used therein. Another fellow insists he be co-researcher, with his name on the cover along with the one originally chosen by Fred Marchhoff!! were I aware of the many trivial deterrents, I believe I would have shied away from accepting this responsibility, but, now that it is started, and we are moving forward, I hate to leave a half-finished task.

I have edited the Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and ~~Alabama~~ mss, and as soon as I get photos for some, and some sharper photos here and there to replace some which are out of focus, they will be ready for the printer's estimate. The Texas ms is at the printer, and we are working in a questionable effort to have the book finished for the San Diego Convention, in August, but it's touch and go right now. I'm also working with Wington, who perhaps has already contacted you, in the hope we can get it ^{calitcrow} published in our magazine in time for the Convention, or have, perhaps, several hundred pamphlets printed up by then. I'm also working to get my own Penna. book finished this year, although I continue to get new descriptions from time to time, mostly of scrip. Then, after I get another 100 photos or so (I have 100 now), I hope we can get it in print in time for the 1969 Convention, which will be held in Phila. We should sell quite a number of copies at such a gathering of the clan! Looking ahead, I would also like to get the Missouri list out in time for the Convention, in St. Louis!!??? Do you have any thoughts or suggestions??

→ Here is another payment on account, and I certainly do hope I can get more off to you in the very near future. I'll be glad to pay some interest charges to you, Eric, for I know how patient you have been all these months. I have a xerox copy of a note of the Bank of the U.S., Oct. 2, 1837, signed by W. Biddle, size 6 1/2 x 9 1/2" for £250 sterling, at the bank's Agency in London, which also has the bank seal affixed. The bank building is on upper center, with the 6 vignettes of Penn. etc., each side. Are you familiar with this variety? At least it's a new variety for my list, and was issued in Phila., as the other later notes of 1840.

Again, many apologies for my delay, and with kindest regards, I remain,


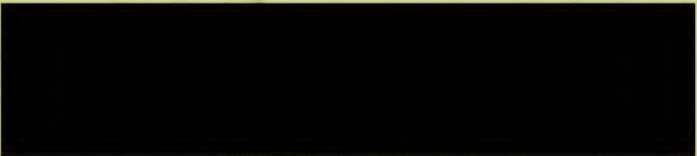
Cordially yours,

Wick

June 24, 1968

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Pa. 18445

Dear Dick:



I fully sympathize with your editorial problems on the Hooper project. I have just reviewed the California work and returned it. I have withheld criticism often to avoid scaring the researchers or getting them angry.

I assure you that you will get the Missouri list by the time of the convention in St. Louis because if Larry Marsh doesn't do it then I will. I have the information virtually assembled already.

I am enclosing a statement of the account due from you and I hope that it can be completed soon. I do not like to charge interest but if you wish you can send me a few notes I do not have in my collection. Send a large group (not from Marckhoff) and I'll select as many as you determine is fair. I already have the Bank of the U. S.

My kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EPH/c

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

June twentieth

1 9 6 8

Dear Eric:

I trust you have received my earlier letter and check, sent last week. I'm also enclosing some more on account, and under separate cover am sending you the Vermont ms to check out, if you will do so, and then you can return it direct to Marye. Here too is her letter, which is self-explanatory.

As soon as I get the necessary new photos for the Nebraska and Iowa list, they will be off too. I'm expecting the Mississippi list within the next week or two. Should I send it on to you, or any others?

George Wait asked to see the Indiana list, so I've sent that off recently--he stated he might add a few descriptions, and will then forward it directly to the printer.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Due from Richard T. Hooper
to Eric P. Newman

June 24, 1968

Portion of Marckhoff Collection

Due Payments made May, 1967
(Payments were to be complete by Dec. 1, 1967) \$9,760.58

Payments:	
June 1967	\$2,500.00
July 1967	500.00
Oct. 1967	500.00
Dec. 1967	500.00
Jan. 1968	500.00
June 1968	500.00
June 1968	<u>200.00</u>

Total Payments 5,200.00

Balance 4,560.58

Credits

Florida notes	100.00
Sheet	20.00
R. I. Sheet	<u>35.00</u>

Total 455.00

Present principal balance \$4,105.58

8/29/68	200.00
3/18/69	500.00
3/14/69	200.00
4/10/69	<u>200.00</u>
11/9/69	200.00

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RICHARD T. HOOPER
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August twenty sixth
1 9 6 8

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I'm sorry to be so tardy in replying. I'm enclosing a check on account, and I think from now on I'll be able to make larger and oftener payments! This has been a year I'd like to forget! Aside from personal involvement with Dick, Jr., while we were visiting relatives on the South Jersey coast, over the long holiday weekend of the 4th of July, our home here was burglarized. What a mess! Nothing else in the place was disturbed, except for my work area on the 2nd floor. Papers, manuscripts and letters strewn all about. I lost two well-filled stamp albums, a dozen obsolete note albums, a box of ancient Roman & Greek coins, a box of US coins, some colonial notes and coins, 20 lottery tickets, and the thieves even took the 150 photos I'd gotten together to accompany my Penna. manuscript. Now I'll have to get them together all over again, but I did write to Hannah, in the hopes he has saved the negatives of many he did for me. Mrs. Osmon still has my ms, and I'll have to call her again to see how far along she is with it, as I want desperately to get it finished this year, and have it ready for the ANA Convention in Phila., in 1969. For I think we should sell a goodly number of copies at such a gathering of the clan!

I had another letter from Marye Coulter, remarking what a fine job you did in commenting and adding to her Vermont listing. I think her book will be a good one - to match Harley's, of slightly different and individual type, however, but so many of the researchers insist upon some slight differences from that which we earlier agreed upon, and which Harley followed rather closely. Charlie Affleck also wrote today, and his county book is to be released next month at the VMA annual show. Now, if he and his gang down there can only follow it up promptly with the obsolete list, this will make a very worthwhile contribution to the reference work.

I had hoped to go to San Diego, but we just had to cancel out that plan due to the cost. If you attended, I hope you all had a grand time. I wrote a report for George Wait to deliver at the Friday Luncheon meeting, which I hope was well received.

Here is a group of Ohio notes from a collection. Some of these were from Fred's collection, so if there are any you desire, we can just deduct the amount from what I owe you. I know this Bank of the United States note is counterfeit, but thought I'd send it along in the event such is of interest to you. In the last six months I've added a few engraved vignettes with notes to match, which is a slow process, but exciting when I can match up one or two.

I trust all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,
Cordially yours,

Dick

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 29, 1968

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

I was overwhelmed and very disgusted to learn of your burglary. This is the tragedy of numismatics. There must be well-known dealers who are selling stolen material. Actually, there are many more dealers than can possibly make a living from the collectors and thus dealing in stolen goods has become a way of life with some of them. For them to take your photographs is pretty low but they probably thought they were real. The burglars themselves are reasonably ignorant as they are put up to these jobs by a more astute group.

Thank you for the \$200 check and I hope you will be able to dispose of the balance due more promptly, as you indicate you can.

You mentioned in your letter that you were sending a Bank of the United States note, which is a counterfeit. No such note was enclosed.

I am returning 5 of the Ohio notes as I know I already have them. The 9 which I am holding, tentatively, I will have to check more carefully.

I did not attend the convention in San Diego.

I am very pleased that Miss Coulter appreciated the comments on the Vermont listing. She was nice enough to write me.

My wife and I are fine and continue to be wildly busy.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

September second
1 9 6 8

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and I'm hoping within the next week to get some, or all, of the insurance money resulting from my recent loss, and I don't know when I've heard of so many numismatic robberies from all parts of the country in recent months.

Yes, I failed to include the Bank of the U.S. note, so here it is, along with another group you might like to check out. I haven't had any reports from fellows returning from San Diego. I did write up a detailed report for George Wait to deliver at the meeting, and hope it was well received and satisfactory. The California list ~~should~~ appear in the forthcoming issue of the SPAC magazine. Burgett, who did the work on Oklahoma last year, wrote that he has a few additions to include when we get around to reprinting it along with another, combining them into one book.

I trust you will receive these promptly, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



Extra items on Hooper - Marchoff matter

- Ohio Hunsold #1
- 50¢ Hall 1937 Zanesville Ohio
- Ohio Hermod Furnace #5 1874
- Ohio German Bh of Weston #10 1816
- Ohio Stat Bh of Ohio #1 Muskingum Branch
- Ohio State Bh " #5 Wayne County Branch
- 1 Ark Fayetteville #2 1842
- Penna Manual Labor Bh proof 6 1/4¢
- 1 N.C Bh of Cape Fear ctg #50 -
- Penna Farm + Mech #10 proof
- 4 Penna Monogahela Bh of Brownsville #5 proof
- Penna Chambersburg, Bank of #5 proof
- 1 Md Museum Bldg 6 1/4 Jones + Clark
- N. J. State Bk of Eliz #1 proof
- N. J. State Bank at — #5 proof.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 20, 1968

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
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Dear Dick:

Congratulations on the award you received
from the Paper Money Society at the San Diego meeting.

It occurred to me that when you receive your
insurance settlement it might be nice to clear up the
balance of the account due. What do you think about
this idea.

I am returning the Bank of the United States
and a few of the other Ohio items in which I have no
interest. The others I may have an interest in after
I have studied them a little further.

Please excuse the brevity of this note, but
I have to spend the rest of the day trying to get World
Series tickets.

My very best to you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

RPN/atb

October 24, 1968

Mr. Richard Hooper

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

A friend of mine would like to have the Commercial Bank of Columbia, South Carolina, \$10 note. These are quite common and if you want to sell one you may mail it to James Berkel, 1405 W. Main, Belleville, Illinois 62220.

Incidentally, when may I look forward to further payments on the account?

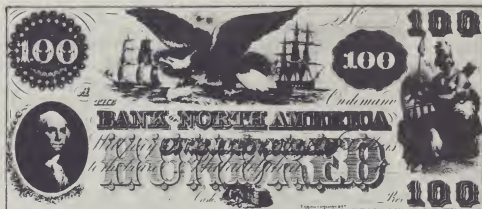
Sincerely yours,

EPN/e tb

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RICHARD T. HOOBER
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December eighteenth
1 9 6 8

Dear Eric:

I guess you think I've fled the country, for not having written to you long ago. I'm still here, but I must chalk up 1968 as one of the seven "lean years." Last month, an elderly aunt of Betty's, and whom we were supporting, died, and the funeral expenses had to be paid by me. No word from the robbery, although I heard some of my material was offered for sale in Connecticut, and another rumor to that effect in the Trenton area. Replacing the lost stock has not been easy to do, which thereby cuts down on the amount of business I can do through the mail. And, most of all I know the Sword of Damocles is hanging above my head with respect to my debt to you. Then, last week a check bounced from a chap in N.H. I've done some small amount of business with him in the past, and I feel he will make it good, but when!

Betty was ill earlier in the year, and isn't even now feeling tip-top. I did hate to miss the San Diego Convention, and I had the card on my desk reminding me to try to attend the ANS gathering in New York, at which affair you were the speaker, but that was only wishful thinking! I hope it was a complete success for you, and that the talk was well received.

Problems with our SPMC project continue to plague me. Rosenthal, who was doing the Ohio listing, turned it over to Al Schafer, of Berea. I had sent Al a few notes and my autographed copy of Freeman's book, to be used as a guide, and the first thing I knew, Mrs. Schafer was rushed to the hospital with internal bleeding. Al returned home, and died from a heart attack within a matter of 20 hours. I know Schafer has a son, and he was supposed to be at his parents' home, but as yet no reply to my letter asking for a return of my property.

The Texas book has suffered yet another delay. The printer, after submitting a written quotation, submitted a revised bid, much higher than his original, and in a letter from George Wait, he explained he had written Edwards Bros. to this effect, and as far as I know, there the matter rests! We had a Texas individual, who was to have underwritten the cost of it, and now I'm concerned as to whether or not he will go along with this form of hijacking on the printer's part. Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana and Nebraska listings are finished, except for a few changes here and there, and am awaiting some photos for the Alabama list, and it too will be cleaned up. But, until we get the Texas situation cleared up, the others must wait, which is annoying to say the least. I did get a chap to research the R.I. list, one of the few remaining vacancies, but our N.Y. man dropped out of sight and have no one to replace him. I sent him a lot of material and lists of altered, spurious and counterfeit notes, etc., but he won't even reply to my letters, nor to Wait's either. Bowen is reputed to have his revised Michigan book about ready for the printer. I've written to him, and asked several Michigan chaps to also write, in the hope we can induce him to at least have it set up in the same size as our books, so that it will not become an orphan, as happened with Pennell, on the N.C. list, but which he too is revising, due to earlier errors, etc.

Mrs. Osman has had my manuscript for ever so long, and although I hate to prod

her about it, must do so, as I still have vague hopes of getting it finished in time for the ANA next summer, in Phila., for + feel, that with the wide range of friends I have in the state, we could certainly sell quite a number of copies at such a gathering of the fraternity. I have to redo the photos, and want to use as many as I can of those NOT used by Criswell, for the more photos of different notes that are available to the collectors, the better it is for all concerned.

I believe the Ky. note herewith enclosed is rare; it's not listed to the best of my knowledge. So, at any rate you can look them over, and return those you don't want to keep. I'm hoping to get a few more Ohio and Michigan notes sometime after Christmas, so will send along to you any I think you can use. I'm also enclosing a check for another \$200.00 on account, and will send along some more just as soon as possible.

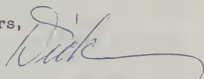
We had our 5th snowfall of the young season last Sunday, and the forecast is for more snow about Friday again. Last Wednesday the temperature dipped to a nippy 6 degrees below zero, and has been to zero and 6 above on two other occasions early in the morning. + just wish you could come up here sometime for a few days' visit, and see how we mountain people live. A Phila. friend is retiring in the spring, has bought a lot two miles from our place, and will start to build a house next summer. Betty's widowed sister is also contemplating the purchase of a lovely cottage nearby too, so in the space of a year or two, we will have some old friends here also.

If you have a copy of your book on hand, and care to send it to me, I'll remit at once. A local friend, who is a great antique collector, is mildly interested in the colonial notes, due to my chats with him about them, and would like to buy a copy. I would send a check for it, but don't want to bother you, not knowing if you have some copies on hand. Is the book in its 2nd printing as yet? It's amazing how well it has sold, although I knew from the start it would be well received by everyone. Affleck's book on the Va. notes and scrip is also in its 2nd printing of 300 additional copies. I told Charlie, that the original 500 copies would not be enough to meet the demand. His 2nd volume, on just the bank issues, will also sell readily, as the VNA boys hope to get a Va. bank to underwrite it, and there is the possibility of some of the illustrations being done in colors, which would really create quite a stir and generate interest.

I do have a few other early N.J. proof notes, by Peter Maverick, and will send them, in the event you are interested. I have quite a few seriously interested N.J. collectors who are rather advanced in their wants, and there is a ready market for them. They too are unlisted, which, in itself, is no criterion, + know, but they are very desirable.

I'll get this off this afternoon if possible, and I do hope you and your loved ones will have the most wonderful holiday season ever. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



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RICHARD T. HOOPER

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NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

March eighteenth

1 9 6 9

Dear Eric:

I guess you think I've fled the country, but I really haven't. I admit I have been busy trying to push along our project. I think Bob Medlar did a very nice job on the Texas book, and I'm now hoping we can get Indiana, Nebraska, and the combined Iowa-Minnesota book into print this year, and perhaps the Alabama book also. I had hopes of getting the Penna. book finished in time for the ANA convention in Phila., but I'm only up to 125 pages of the finished draft now, and I don't see how it is possible, for I have numerous photos to get together, although I do have quite a number already. But checking out over 500 pages of rough copy is a slow, tedious task.

I've also been cataloging the Wismer-Osman collection for coins & currency, for the mid-April auction, and also for Part II, which will probably take place the week-end prior to the convention in August. But, going to the city to do this has also taken up a lot of time, but very interesting. I was fortunate in getting all of Wismer's and Mrs. Osman's 3x5 index cards, occupying eight cartons, on which they had all of their information. This will help all of us working on the project, but it is lacking in much of the scrip of various states, except for Penna.

Here is a check for \$500.00 on account. I don't know if you intended keeping the other notes sent in December or not, but I only hope they fit in with your needs. Here also are two other nice notes. The Va. book, Vol. II, is due to be released at the VNA Convention in Natural Bridge, in September, and there is some hope of getting some of the illustrations in actual colors, such as this Petersburg note, a real beauty. Betty and I drove to Chattanooga last week, to attend a show down there, and stopped off in Winchester, Va., Sunday night en route home, and had a chat with Charlie Affleck. There is a large group of Va. notes in the auction, and as there is a large group collecting, it appears there will be some spirited bidding on some items. If you plan to submit bids on any notes, I will be pleased and delighted to do anything I can to help you get them perhaps at less than you might, if you wish to send your list, top bids, etc., I'll do what I can to help. I'm not offering to do this for anyone else, however, as it is something of a responsibility and care. But, I do plan to attend each session of the sale, so you can let me know your wishes in the matter.

Our Ohio researcher died in early December, following his wife's death by a mere 20 hours- a tragic tale of a heart attack. Dr. Warren Brown, of Atlanta, 37 years old, and an outstanding plastic surgeon, and who had a fine half cent and Tenn. obsolete note collection, was shot and killed by his secretary only a few weeks ago! Thirty seven years of age! I haven't been able to secure the help of anyone so far to take over the Ohio listing, and the New York fellow dropped out last November. I did get a fellow to tackle Rhode Island, however, and so we make some progress here and there, and I do hope you and Larry Marsh can get the Missouri list together for the ANA next year in your home town.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Rich

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 20, 1969

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

Thank you for the check. May there be more forthcoming soon. \$500⁰⁰

I am glad that you are cataloging the Osmun collection. You indicated you would be willing to represent me in bidding for the Osmun material and I certainly will take you up on the matter. Get me the first catalog as soon as you can.

I have both of the notes which you forwarded to me in your March 18, 1969 letter and am returning them herewith. Shortly I will return some of the others from December.

Your comments concerning the young numismatist being shot by his secretary would indicate that he was collecting love tokens rather than half cents. The only reason my secretary would shoot me is because I might bore her to death with coin letters but, fortunately, she likes the excitement of my research and activities in the field.

Thank you for your encouragement as to the Missouri listing.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

March twenty fourth
1 9 6 9

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter and returned notes. Here is another payment, and some other notes you might find of interest. Are you interested in proof notes? I have some other here, and will be pleased to send some, if you would like to see them, which includes a couple of the Mass. Bank, 17-- , as listed in your book.

I certainly hope you are again feeling better following your operation. Paul Seitz, of Glen Rock, Pa., has just gone through a similar experience, and I suppose it is a rather painful condition.

I will probably get the Alabama manuscript off early this week, as the photos are finished. I believe Dorothy sent you a catalogue last week, or was planning to get them out promptly. Going through the notes in the collection, plus what I got from you of Markhoff's, certainly is an education in itself, but it has taken a lot of time on visits to the city, when I can get down.

I don't know how it will work out eventually, but my hope was that the Missouri list, if it could be finished this year, so as to have it published in the magazine, space permitting, could then readily be reprinted, with copies available in St. Louis, for sale to the public, which I think would help us to get funds for other books. Bob Medlar did a fine job with the Texas book, but, as will happen in every one of the books, a note or two unlisted, turned up in the wisner group. This happened last year, when I had sent Harley Freeman a few notes he hadn't listed in his Florida book! But, if we wait for 100% inclusion, the job will never be done. Affleck also has found a few unlisted items for his Volume I already, and when it comes to Penna., I'm certain we will find some items of scrip which I haven't included.

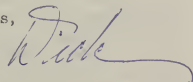
I recently acquired a 10 shilling note of the 1783, North Carolina emission, the first I've ever had. You mentioned the denomination was counterfeited, and this note looks

quite similar to your illustration, but it is in excellent condition. I also got a nice unc. note, \$200.00 of the Va. issue of May 7, 1781, but I suppose you already have this in equal condition!

As I had asked you in my December letter, if you would happen to have an extra copy of your book, I'd like to get one for a friend, who has become interested in the series, but, if not, I'll order one from Frank Katen, or elsewhere.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

April tenth
1 9 6 9

Dear Eric:

Here is another check, on account, along with the two Mass. Bank notes, which I believe to be very reasonably priced, for your consideration.

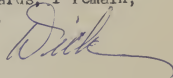
Although I'm not absolutely certain of how things will develop at the time of Part II of the sale, which will be the weekend prior to the opening of the ANA Convention, and the following week of the Convention itself, I would like you to give some consideration to the possibility of perhaps driving home to our Pocono retreat after the auction, and then we can go down to the city together again on Tuesday, for the opening of the big show.

I've had three phone calls this week from fellows asking me to bid on some items they really want to buy in next week's auction. Some of the South Carolina notes are going to bring pretty good prices, for there are five or six fellows down there, who seem intent upon getting some items regardless of cost. I also have some Iowa bids to execute, of an almost unlimited amount. I'm going to the city again Saturday for the day, and will go down then early Thursday morning, and it looks like a very busy three days!

I also acquired a few notes and die-proofs for myself, which will help make for a better display at the Convention. I guess you have received the Utah manuscript, and Blaine's letter, which is self-explanatory. Do what you can with additions, as well as some photos for other issues than those few photos I have, and then I'll send it on to someone else for whatever else can possibly be added thereto. I also received the Ky. manuscript, so, if you think you can add something, I'll send that one on too. I'll have to get photos for it as well. By next week I should have the Alabama ready to go to the printer also, and the Vermont papers should be along later this month in final form.

I trust you will receive this promptly, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 11, 1969

Mr. Richard T. Hooper
P.O. Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

I appreciate, very much, the fact that you will bid for me at the April 17, 18 and 19 auction of Coins and Currency, Inc.

I have indicated in the catalogue the maximum limit on the items in which I am interested.

I made very generous bids and, no doubt, will end up owning a number of the items

Thank you for taking care of my bids for me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

April thirtieth

1 9 6 9

Dear Eric:

I guess you received my earlier letter by this time, and in checking through some of the notes I bought at the sale, found this City of Pittsburgh note, which should be have been labelled as such in the cat., but due to a typo, it was listed as a \$1.00 note. I don't know if you want it or not, as you had bid on it. There were quite a number of typos- after the rough copy was made up, I was not in the city at just the time to check out the lots, so every mistake was just printed up regardless.

While at the sale, I did get a dozen early Penna. proof notes, as well as a few progress proofs. I was glad to get them in order to get photos made for my book, instead of the usually badly worn notes.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CHARLOTTE T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

April twenty second
1 9 6 9

Dear Eric:

Well, the hectic three day sale is over, and I have mixed feelings about much that transpired. I'm terribly sorry you did not get the Kansas note of Clark-Gruber, for everyone believes it to be unique. I did not know until later that [redacted] bid it in at \$675.00 for John Ford, which really sickened me! I should have bid it up, for I think you would have taken it, or I'd have liked to keep it myself. You should have given me an unlimited bid. I got some other things for you, and in a couple of instances, the Hodges book, for instance, I stopped bidding, before you limit was reached, as the other parties said they would go even higher, for I believe a similar book brought \$170.00 last year in New York, and then they said they would not push other bids up, so, it's a really difficult thing to do, when you are spending another's money.

I'm going to the city again tomorrow for two days to continue cataloging notes for Part II of the sale material. I was somewhat gratified to receive several very favorable comments re the estimates I used, which generally were very good, but for a few states, such as Mass., R.I., and N.Y., there were no floor bidders present and hence no competition against book bids. But, about 60 were present, including Criswell and Henderson, from Florida. Some discussion arose as to the early Mass. sheets being proofs of early reprints. Dorothy withdrew them both. Goldstone spoke about it on the floor, and after the whole thing was over, I insisted that at our August meeting, we should have a committee appointed of experts, to use Doc Blanchard's earlier article on the subject in the Paper Money Magazine, and draw up accurate guide-lines as to just what constitutes a proof, a salesman's sample, a reprint, etc., for the benefit of all collectors now, and in the future, to avoid such wrangling in the future. George Weit agreed with me, and I think it will aid everyone, for in some cases, I just do not accept an off-hand statement by Ralph, when others, who were also there, are not at all certain he was right. Personally, I would not have withdrawn the sheets, for floor bids, of those who saw the sheets, were higher than mail bids, and as they could inspect the sheets, certainly would come under the heading of good old caveat emptor!! You may remember him!!

I guess the high point of the sale was the bidding on all of the South Carolina proofs. Pennell's plane developed trouble, and couldn't get there, so he phones to wait, who bid in his stead, but Austin Sheheen (a very likeable fellow) told me he was just not going to let Roy take any of them away from him, and so the bidding went on and on, with Lot 876 being knocked down for \$290.00, 877 for \$320.00, 878 for \$330.00, 879 for \$475.00, 881 for \$160.00, and 886 for \$140.00!! It all apparently stemmed from the fact that Austin, over several years, has written, etc., to Roy, and never even had a reply. Roy wanted to share the notes, but Austin just wouldn't budge in his decision!

You will probably get the notes direct from Dorothy very shortly, as well as the list of prices realized, so, you can check things out. I am sorry there were so many typographical errors, which was somewhat annoying, but I just couldn't check on everything - I helped her as much as was humanly possible, for she would have been at sea otherwise. No one else in the area has the time, nor knowledge I guess, to spend approximately 18 days labor, first sorting and arranging the notes by states, etc., for most everything was in something of a mess when the notes were acquired, then the listing and valuing, all of which takes time, then numbering and inserting each lot in a separate envelope. I think some of the old-timers and die-hards will just have to revise their thinking as to the value of various notes, for too few realize the ever-increasing interest in the entire series of notes and scrip. Penna. scrip brought excellent prices.

Affleck's book on the bank issues, will be ready in September, when the WMA has its convention at Natural Bridge, with a number of notes illustrated in full colors. You really should join their group for \$3.00 a year. Our membership number will correspond to the number of the book, being set aside for that purpose. I received the photos for the Alabama manuscript, and with in a few days will send it off finally to the printer. Did you receive the Utah list? As soon as this is printed, I'd like to have Burgett revise his Oklahoma list, and Wington revise his, as both have additions since their lists were

published, and then combine the three into one volume, which won't cost too much, and the Society will reap a little reward therefrom, to carry on the project, as we are holding the type just for that purpose. I've got to get someone to do the Kansas list too, for Lindsay bowed out, and I have what he did write up here. My own list is being done as time permits, and still adding an item or two from week to week. I was most fortunate in getting about 15 early Penna. proofs, all of Murray, Draper Fairman Co., and I want to get some good photos to use of them for the book, instead of badly used and dark colored notes, as they show up so much better in their contrast. I also bought at the auction several notes, which bear vignettes identical to some of the die-proofs I have here, as I want to display these at the ANA Convention. One was Lot #1531, on which you had bid \$62.50. I'll let you have it after the convention if you still want it at just what I paid for it, as I have the one side vignette, although I wish I had the central one, which is quite unusual.

I'll send you some more money next week as soon as I get back from the city. I'm trying to get this indoor work cleaned up as soon as possible, for there are so many things to do later in the summer, and I know I'll not be able to devote much time to this cataloguing in a few weeks. If you don't want to keep the Mass. proofs, just send them back, as I can use them.

Has anything further developed in the matter of the colonial note collection you mentioned as wanting to sell for a friend out there, or with Dr. Walter Loeb's material? Just what was the difficulty in his case? I felt he had died from the general tenor of Mrs. Loeb's letter to me, after I had sent him some items on approval. I guess you also heard about Dr. Warren Brown, of Atlanta, who was shot to death by his secretary! I'll be pleased to look over anything at all, in either coins or notes. Would you be interested in a choice Grate Cent, with the lettered edge, at \$375.00? Quite a scarce item in such nice condition.

Well, I guess that's about all the news I have right now. Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Dick

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 25, 1969

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

Thank you, very much, for attending to my bids at the recent Paper Money auction.

You are right that I was disappointed in not receiving the Clark-Gruber piece and there was a very good reason why I didn't. Others at the auction knew what my bid was and knew that I was the one who was bidding. This information, no doubt, got to the successful bidder and therefore I was just a pigeon. I am certainly sorry you did not bid higher after the successful bidder indicated that was as high as she was supposed to go.

I would like to know who bought the Hodges book as I don't think it is right to make a deal not to bid when it had not reached the limit of my bid. I don't know what the book brought but this is one I was particularly interested in having. Maybe I can still get it in exchange for another edition.

I already have the Grate Cent in choice condition but I appreciate the fact that you offered it to me.

As to Lot 1531, I certainly would like it at the price paid and, naturally, you can keep it for exhibition at the A.N.A. show.

Naturally, I look forward to receiving further payments from you as, no doubt, you will be accumulating a substantial amount of money from this auction.

I am returning herewith Lot 1534, being a \$2 Bank of Orange County note which sold for \$10. It was listed in fine condition. You probably did not see the hole in it and I feel that I should not keep it under these circumstances. If you agree with me would you send it back and it can be re-auctioned at the next session.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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Mr. Richard Hooper

April 25, 1969

I am returning the \$10 Massachusetts bank item which you sent me so that you can see why I feel that these may be re-prints. I just don't believe they had paper like that in 1780. What do you think?

I would like to have two copies of the prices yielded at the auction.

As to the bank notes which you sent me on approval, I plan to take a good many of them so that will help work down your account.

Since the Massachusetts sheets were withdrawn from the auction and there are some additional sheets of that bank in the next auction, I wonder if you could persuade Dorothy to send them to me for examination and for making a copy for a revision of my paper moneybook. This would be very helpful to me.

I am certainly pleased that so much excitement has taken place with respect to paper money and know that it will be beneficial to you in the future. You certainly have put in an endless quantity of work trying to popularize it.

Again, many thanks, and kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

April twenty eighth
1 9 6 9

Dear Eric:

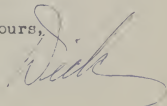
Thank you for your letter, and I'm enclosing the \$10.00 paid for the Vermont note, along with a check for \$200.00 on account of my indebtedness to you. George Wait bought the Hodges book, so you might want to contact him.

I don't know who would have mentioned about the bidding on the Clark-Gruber note. I did receive some comments regarding the bidding on some of the fellows who were there working together to get some notes, which, I guess, is customary. Goldstone was the fellow who spoke up that the Mass. sheets were not proofs, while other felt they were good, and from what I could gather, the only other such in existence are in the Mass. Historical Society collection, I believe it is, or perhaps the Antiquarian collection in Worcester, Mass. However, I want to see a committee established for the purpose of setting up guidelines for the benefit of everyone as to just what constitutes a proof, or a salesman's sample, etc., in different periods, perhaps using Doc Blanchard's earlier article as a basis of study.

One thing is certain, I'll not venture again into the field of bidding for others. A couple of fellows, one from Iowa, and another, both wanting to bid on identical notes, as they told me they didn't have time to send in mail bids, which I doubted, and in fact, some fellows sent me their mail bids, only to arrive after I had returned home Saturday after the sale was over.

Trusting all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



June 12, 1969

Due from Richard Hooper to Eric P. Newman:

Balance due on Merckhoff bills as per June 24, 1968 statement \$4,105.58

Payments:

2/29/68	\$ 200.00
3/18/69	500.00
3/24/69	200.00
4/10/69	200.00
4/29/69	200.00

\$15 unsigned Massachusetts Bank note (apparently an early reprint) 80.00

\$10 Owl Creek Bank 18.50

\$2 Guyahoge Falls Real Estate 12.50

\$2 Guyahoge Falls Real Estate 10.00

\$10 Bank of Orange County, Chelsea, Massachusetts, proof, (not yet delivered by Hooper) 70.00

\$5 Cumberland Bank, Ken. 30.00

\$1 Cincinnati Bank, Ohio 25.00

\$3 City of Pittsburgh, proof, torn and repaired, at auction price 45.00

50¢ Pine Bluff, Ark. 23.00

Montgomery Co. Penna. sheet 50.00

Group of other notes on approval awaiting selection -- 1,664.00

Balance due (subject to reduction by further selections of items on hand)

\$2,441.58

40% down on \$204.00 purchases not credited

76.56

\$200 paid June 16, 69

200-

\$410 x \$70 pd Aug 20, 1969

287

\$400 Nov 25, 1969

360-

17 Jan 1970

200-

3 Apr, 1970

300-

5/18/70

200-

2 Florida notes

74.40

177.40

77.40

(over)

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

June sixteenth
1 9 6 9

Dear Eric:

Thank you for the listing of amount due you, and the list of notes you have credited to my account. I'm enclosing herewith another \$200.00 on account, as well as some notes, one of which you list as due you. I don't see how I can suitably fit it in with the ANA display. Trying to figure out suitable arrangement of notes and some information, quickly fills the 4 or 5 cases allotted to me, and there is no sense in just holding the Vermont proof any longer. I have other die-proofs and matching notes which I can use.

As far as the so-called "early reprint" is concerned, I'm not at all certain about this (The Mass. note), and I think a committee comprising you and other experts, should take what little has been written on this moot question as a base, and clarify for all time just what comprises a proof, a salesman's sample, reprint, etc. I find many fellows writing, sending notes, etc., labelling notes as one thing or another, and not really knowing the truth. I think this would be a fine contribution to the collective knowledge on the subject.

I also received last week an ex. fine specimen of the 36sh. Mass. issue of Dec. 7, 1775, which seems to fit the description you gave in your book on the colonial notes, as being a counterfeit. The sender wanted a lot of money for it, and I don't think he knows it is not genuine. I hate to disillusion him about it, but see no alternative.

I have finished the cataloging of Part II of the Wismar material for the August auction, and glad it is out of the way. Dorothy has a number of consignments for the ensuing sale, so, I guess I'll be going down when time permits to do the work for her. I think there will be quite a number of interested parties attending the sale in person that weekend. I acquired several early Penna. proofs, of Murray, Draper & Fairman last week also, and if interested, I'll send them on to you for your inspection.

Work on the Penna. listing has proceeded at a snail's pace! I've been trying to get a few other state lists cleared up. It always seems that the researchers fail to be as accurate and complete as they should be! I've gotten most of my Penna. photos together though, so bit by bit, it is nearing completion. I've gotten Burgett to tackle the Kansas listing, so later on, you may be able to add something to it. The original researcher bowed out, submitting only a skeleton list of the notes he has. I think I've gotten another volunteer to do the N.Y. list, but being so large, it will naturally not be ready for some long time to come. I was trying to get Chet Keruse to underwrite all of the future books, and do the printing at his plant, but so far nothing definite on this.

I would like to get another list published in our magazine as soon as possible, for then, we can combine it in reprinted form, along with Oklahoma and the California listings in one volume, at a trifling cost compared to the publication of a completely new book.

Don't forget, if possible, to complete the Missouri listing by December 1st, so that we can definitely have it published in one way or another in time for the ANA Convention, in August, in your home town! I think it will probably require a separate book, and will be too lengthy to publish in the magazine. How many notes, and pages, do you think the final draft will consume? I think, that if it is published in book form by then, we should readily sell a large number of copies, to recoup most of our expenses quickly. Do you have any alternative suggestions to offer?

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dick", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 23, 1969

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 196
Newfoundland, Penna. 18445

Dear Dick:

Thank you for sending me the Bank of Orange
County \$10 note. It contains Dr. Kane's Artic Expedition.

I am returning the other three Arkansas notes
which you forwarded as I don't need them.

I am also returning some items I am sure I won't
need, namely:

\$10 State Bank of Ohio
\$10 State Bank of Ohio
\$10 Bank of Cincinnati
\$2 Urbana Banking Company
\$5 Bank of Xenia
\$2 Bank of West Union
\$5 Bank of West Union
\$2 State Bank of Ohio
\$5 Owl Creek Bank
\$10 Nemaha Valley Bank
St. Louis Railroad strip

The others I am holding as I have them under
consideration but I wanted to release those that I could,
promptly.

Will write you about other items in due course
but am in a rush to get these back to you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

November twenty fifth
1 9 6 9

Dear Eric:

Well, here I am late again, and I'm enclosing another payment, as well as two choice N.C. notes, which may be of interest to you. I don't know if you wanted all of the other notes sent previously or not. I did get some Vermont notes last week too, and am hoping to get some Michigan notes in the near future, just what is contained therein I don't know as yet.

I've written to Glenn Smedley twice now, as well as to George Wait, re the publication of another volume or two, as I think we are slipping in this area of our work. Several mss are finished and ready for the printer's estimates. I understand that Harold Bowen's Volume II, covering Michigan scrip, has been released, and am trying to get a copy. Affleck's Volume II was very well received at the VNA, at Natural Bridge, Va., in September, and I guess you have gotten a copy by this time.

What progress have you made re the Mo. listing, in time for the ANA next August? I was hoping it would be completed, and that I could quite possibly work it in ahead of some others, if not suitable due to its length, into the Paper Money magazine.

I bid on two Vermont colonial notes to a chap in New York, as he sent photos of them, and they are generally in better condition than any I've seen in a long, long time, but thus far I have had no reply to my offer.

Trusting that all is well with you, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 3, 1969

Mr. Richard Hooper
P.O.Box 196
Newfoundland, Pa. 18445

Dear Dick:

It was nice to hear from you and I, for one, appreciate how earnest you are in trying to get the listings for the various states published. Charlie Affleck's volume is a lovely piece and this was truly a labor of love on his behalf.

As far as the Missouri listing is concerned, it cannot be published in the Paper Money Magazine as it would be much too long. The cost of publishing it with appropriate photography is a real problem as I do not know how many people are really interested in the paper money of this state. Let me turn this matter over in my mind for a further period.

With respect to the two North Carolina pieces you forwarded, I am returning the £2 1771 note because I already have it.

As to the 1785 piece, this is definitely a counterfeit and I have an original. How would you like to have two Paul Revere Massachusetts notes, in equivalent condition, for the 1785 North Carolina piece you forwarded? You ought to be able to sell these easily.

I am being attacked on two fronts at the moment - one in connection with some Mexican paper money and the other with respect to the 1804 Dollar. I hesitate to engage in this type of controversy as it is more personal than it is numismatic but I have no choice and have to reply.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

RICHARD T. HOOBER
P. O. BOX 196
NEWFOUNDLAND, PA. 18445

December fifteenth
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Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter, and if you wish to send the two notes you mentioned, in trade for the 1785 N.C. note, that is alright with me. How can I deny you, after your kindness and patience with me?

Is there any possibility of having the Missouri ms underwritten by a local bank, or other benevolent individual out there? Such as occurred with the Texas book? We may be able to get Iowa done in a similar manner, which would certainly help the whole thing move forward. Did you get a copy of Harold Bowen's Volume II, covering the scrip of Michigan? I got a copy last week, and it is set up as was his original work on the bank emissions. Another worthy addition to the available references. I've written on three occasions now, to Glenn Smedley, as the Society wants to publish a book on small Nationals, as I may have mentioned, and I think we are being pushed to one side! I've had so many letters of criticism as to progress at the publishing end. However, Glenn reports that he is trying to get Lee Hewitt to take on the publishing all future books. I know the trepidation surrounding this, for, as you remarked, how many copies will be sold of any individual state? However, as more books are finished, there is a tendency to acquire all so as to have a complete set, and interest thereby spreads and attracts new collectors for an individual state.

I had heard somewhere about the 1804 dollar continuing controversy, and I know how many would-be experts there are in any area, and some are accepted with little regard to the true facts. Taxey, Anton, Jr., Criswell, just to name a few! The Harmer Rooke auction and the attending endless inaccurate descriptions, etc., of the notes, didn't come up to expectations! I'm only sorry that I couldn't have attended the Budde Sale, for prices were quite cheap for many notes. I received the prices realized, but after such have been absorbed, I think values will stiffen again, and come up to your original valuations.

Here too is some more on account, and a few notes, which may be of interest to you. With kindest regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

P.S. Do you have listed the 25, and 50, Mail Contractor scrip, of Independence, MO? Just got the two denominations in the mail this morning.

